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Department of Transportation



**d. Planning and Sustainability Division**

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Chairperson Rick Murphy  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E  
3136 P Street NW  
Washington, DC 20007  
Via Email: 2E03@anc.dc.gov

**NOI #19-139**

**Re: Installation of a Commercial Loading Zone**

Dear Chairperson Murphy:

Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000" D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 OCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent to modify traffic requirements. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction.

The local business Ching Ching Cha, located at 1063 Wisconsin Av NW, has requested that this office install an on-street Commercial Loading Zone Restriction in front of its property, as it has no access to the nearest alley, Blues Alley. The Commercial Loading Zone designation is intended to provide curbside loading space for commercial vehicles up to 30-feet in length that need to unload food and supplies to the restaurant up to six (6) times a day and twenty-two (22) times a week. In addition to Ching Ching Cha, at least seven (7) other businesses use Wisconsin Avenue NW for curbside loading access because they also have no alley access. Currently Wisconsin Ave NW between the C&O Canal and M Street NW does not have an on-street loading zone; the curb is regulated No Standing Anytime north of Blues Alley and metered parking for three vehicles up two hours 7:00am-6:30pm and up to 3.5 hours 6:30pm and 10:00pm, Monday through Saturday. Without legal access to the curb, delivery trucks frequently park and unload in the northbound travel lane, creating unsafe conditions and congestion.

After an on-site observation, discussion with the Georgetown BID, and outreach to the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner and adjacent businesses, an independent determination was made by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to recommend converting the existing three metered curbside parking spaces between Blues Alley and the C&O Canal to the following:

- Commercial Loading Zone: Commercial Vehicles Only between 7am-4pm Monday-Friday and between 7am-6:30pm Saturday; during these designated hours, only commercial vehicles who have paid to park by permit or phone will be permitted to load and/or park at this location for up to two (2) hours.
- Afternoon Rush Hour Restriction – No Parking or Standing 4pm-6:30pm Monday-Friday
- Metered Parking: Vehicles pay to park up to 3.5 hours between the hours of 6:30pm and 10:00pm, Monday through Saturday

DDOT recommends these proposed curbside regulations in order to better address recurring northbound traffic congestion in the afternoon peak period, and the delivery needs of Ching Ching Cha and its adjacent businesses along the east side of Wisconsin Ave NW.

In regards to curb access for patrons of adjacent restaurants, DDOT will assess whether a Commercial Loading Zone designation allows similar or better access to the curb for expeditious passenger pick up and drop offs, and will maintain the existing curbside parking regulations after 6:30pm to accommodate evening diners.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by July 2, 2019 (thirty business days after the date of this notice), with the District Department of Transportation, Transportation Operations Administration, 55 M Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003 or by emailing [DDOT.freight@dc.gov](mailto:DDOT.freight@dc.gov).

If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at <http://ddot.dc.gov/DC/DDOT/Services/Notice+of+Intent>. If you are having any trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.

Sincerely,

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